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	3,938,527	2/17/76	RIOUX ET AL.			
	3,952,749	4/27/76	FRIDOLPH ET AL.			
	4,005,714	2/1/77	HILTEBRANDT			
↓	4,074,718	2/21/78	MORRISON, JR.			
	4,088,134	5/9/78	MAZZARIELLO			

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	4,300,584	11/17/81	FURIHATA			
	4,370,980	2/1/83	LOTTICK			
	4,452,246	6/5/84	BADER ET AL.			
	4,492,231	1/8/85	AUTH			
	4,552,143	11/12/85	LOTTICK			
	4,574,804	3/11/86	KURWA			
	4,597,379	7/1/86	KIHN ET AL.			
	4,600,007	7/15/86	LAHODNY ET AL.			
	4,657,016	4/14/87	GARITO ET AL.			
	4,662,372	5/5/87	SHARKANY ET AL.			
	4,671,274	6/9/87	SOROCHENKO			
	4,685,459	8/11/87	XOCH ET AL.			
	4,763,669	8/16/88	JAEGER			
	4,827,929	5/9/89	HODGE			
	4,887,612	12/19/89	ESSER ET AL.			
	4,938,761	7/3/90	ENSSLIN			
	5,007,908	4/16/91	RYDELL			
	5,028,370	6/25/91	LOTTICK			
	5,099,840	3/31/92	GOBLE ET AL.			
	5,116,332	5/26/92	LOTTICK			
	5,147,357	9/15/92	ROSE ET AL.			
	5,151,102	9/29/92	XAMIYAMA ET AL.			
	5,176,695	1/5/93	DULEBOHN			
	5,197,964	3/30/93	PARINS			
	5,215,101	6/1/93	JACOBS ET AL.			
	5,217,457	6/8/93	DELAHUERGA ET AL.			
	5,217,458	6/8/93	PARINS			
↓	5,244,462	9/14/93	DELAHUERGA ET AL.			
	5,250,047	10/5/93	RYDELL			
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	5,261,918	11/16/93	PHILLIPS ET AL.			
	5,275,615	1/4/94	ROSE			
	5,277,201	1/11/94	STERN			
	5,282,799	2/1/94	RYDELL			
	5,290,286	3/1/94	PARINS			
	5,304,203	4/19/94	EL-MALLAWANY ET AL.			
	5,308,357	5/3/94	LICHTMAN			
	5,318,589	6/7/94	LICHTMAN			
	5,324,289	6/28/94	EGGERS			
	5,330,471	7/19/94	EGGERS			
	5,334,183	8/2/94	WUCHINICH			
	5,334,215	8/2/94	CHEN			
	5,336,221	8/9/94	ANDERSON			
	5,342,359	8/30/94	RYDELL			
	5,342,381	8/30/94	TIDEMAND			
	5,342,393	8/30/94	STACK			
	5,352,222	10/4/94	RYDELL			
	5,354,271	10/11/94	VODA			
	5,356,408	10/18/94	RYDELL			
	5,366,477	11/22/94	LEMARIE, III ET AL.			
	5,383,897	1/24/95	WHOLEY			
	5,389,098	2/14/95	TSURUTA ET AL.			
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	5,411,519	5/2/95	TOVEY ET AL.			
	5,411,520	5/2/95	NASH ET AL.			
	5,413,571	5/9/95	KATSAROS ET AL.			
	5,415,657	5/16/95	TAYMOR-LURIA			
	5,422,567	6/6/95	MATSUNAGA			
	5,423,810	6/13/95	GOBLE ET AL.			
	5,425,739	6/20/95	JESSEN			
	5,429,616	7/4/95	SCHAFFER			
	5,431,674	7/11/95	BASILE ET AL.			
	5,437,292	8/1/95	KIPSHIDZE ET AL.			
	5,438,302	8/1/95	GOBLE			
	5,441,517	8/15/95	KENSEY ET AL.			
	5,443,463	8/22/95	STERN ET AL.			
	5,443,464	8/22/95	RUSSELL ET AL.			
	5,443,480	8/22/95	JACOBS ET AL			
	5,445,638	8/29/95	RYDELL ET AL.			
	5,445,658	8/29/95	DURRFELD ET AL.			
	5,451,224	9/19/95	GOBLE ET AL.			
	5,456,684	10/10/95	SCHMIDT ET AL.			
	5,458,598	10/17/95	FEINBERG ET AL.			
	5,460,629	10/24/95	SHLAIN ET AL.			
	5,462,546	10/31/95	RYDELL			
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	5,478,351	12/26/95	MEADE ET AL.			

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	5,509,922	4/23/96	ARANYI ET AL.			
	5,514,134	5/7/96	RYDELL ET AL.			
	5,527,313	6/18/96	SCOTT ET AL.			
	5,531,744	7/2/96	NARDELLA ET AL.			
	5,536,251	7/16/96	EVARD ET AL.			
	5,540,684	7/30/96	HASSLER, JR.			
	5,540,685	7/30/96	PARINS, ET AL.			
	5,540,715	7/30/96	KATSAROS ET AL.			
	5,558,672	9/24/96	EDWARDS ET AL.			
	5,569,241	10/29/96	EDWARDDS			
	5,571,100	11/5/96	GOBLE ET AL.			
	5,569,243	10/29/96	KORTENBACH ET AL.			
	5,573,535	11/12/96	VIKLUND			
	5,585,896	12/17/96	YAMAZAKI ET AL.			
	5,590,570	1/7/97	LEMAIRE, III ET AL.			
	5,603,711	2/18/97	PARINS, ET AL.			
	5,603,723	2/18/97	ARANYI ET AL.			
	5,626,578	5/6/97	TIHON			
	5,626,609	5/6/97	ZVENYATSKY ET AL.			
	5,630,833	5/20/97	KATSAROS ET AL.			
	5,637,110	6/10/97	PENNYBACKER ET AL.			
	5,643,294	7/1/97	TOVEY ET AL.			
	5,647,869	7/15/97	GOBLE ET AL.			
	5,647,871	7/15/97	LEVINE ET AL.			
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	6,667,526	9/16/97	LEVIN			
	6,674,220	10/7/97	FOX ET AL.			
	6,683,051	12/2/97	SCHULZE ET AL.			
	5,695,522	12/9/97	LEMAIRE, III ET AL.			
	5,700,261	12/23/97	BRINKERHOFF			
	5,702,390	12/30/97	AUSTIN ET AL.			
	5,707,369	1/13/98	VAITEKUNAS ET AL.			
	5,709,680	1/20/98	YATES ET AL.			
	5,718,368	02/10/98	YATES			
	5,720,744	2/24/98	EGGLESTON ET AL.			
	5,727,428	3/17/98	LEMAIRE, III ET AL.			
	5,735,848	4/7/98	YATES ET AL.			
	5,743,906	4/28/98	PARINS, ET AL.			
	5,755,717	5/26/98	YATES ET AL.			
	5,768,130	6/16/98	SELMONOSKY			
	5,768,168	6/18/98	HOOVEN			
	5,768,170	6/18/98	EGGERS			
	5,769,849	6/23/98	EGGERS			
	5,778,128	7/7/98	EGGERS			
	5,778,130	7/7/98	BUYSSSE ET AL.			
	5,779,701	07/14/98	MCBRAYER ET AL.			
	5,782,137	8/11/98	CARR ET AL.			
	5,792,177	8/11/98	KASEDA			
	5,797,938	08/25/98	PARASCHAC ET AL.			
	5,797,958	08/25/98	YOON			
	5,800,449	9/1/98	WALES			
	5,810,808	9/22/98	EGGERS			
	5,810,811	09/22/98	YATES ET AL.			
	5,814,043	9/29/98	SHAPETON			
	5,817,083	10/6/98	WILLIAMSON, IV ET AL.			
	5,820,630	10/13/98	LIND			
	5,827,271	10/27/98	BUYSSSE ET AL.			
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	5,843,080	12/1/98	FLEENOR ET AL.			
	5,849,022	12/15/98	SAKASHITA ET AL.			
	5,853,412	12/29/98	MAYENBERGER			
	5,876,401	3/2/99	SCHULZE ET AL.			
	5,891,141	4/6/99	RYDELL			
	5,891,142	4/6/99	EGGERS ET AL.			
	5,893,863	04/13/99	YOON			
	5,893,875	4/13/99	O'CONNOR ET AL.			
	5,902,301	5/11/99	OLIG			
	5,908,630	05/25/99	ANDERHUB ET AL.			
	5,908,420	7/1/99	PARINS, ET AL.			
	5,913,874	6/22/99	BÉRNS ET AL.			
	5,921,984	7/13/99	SUTCU ET AL.			
	5,935,126	8/10/99	RIZA			
	5,951,549	9/14/99	RICHARDSON ET AL.			
	5,954,720	9/21/99	WILSON ET AL.			
	5,976,132	11/2/99	MORRIS			
	5,989,277	11/23/99	LEMAIRE, III ET AL.			
	6,004,335	12/21/99	VAITEKUNAS ET AL.			
	6,024,744	2/15/00	KESE ET AL.			
	6,033,398	3/7/00	GINES			
	6,039,733	3/21/00	BUYSSE ET AL.			
	6,041,679	3/28/00	SLATER ET AL.			
	6,050,996	4/18/00	SCHMALTZ ET AL.			
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	6,113,596	9/5/00	HOOVEN ET AL.			
	6,113,598	9/5/00	BAKER			
	6,126,658	10/3/00	BAKER			
	6,152,923	11/28/00	RYAN			
	6,174,309	1/16/01	WRUBLEWSKI ET AL.			
	6,179,834	1/30/01	BUYSSE ET AL.			
	6,179,837	1/30/01	HOOVEN			
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	6,187,003	2/13/01	BUYSSE ET AL.			
	6,190,386	2/20/01	RYDELL			
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	6,224,593	5/1/01	RYAN ET AL.			
	6,228,080	5/8/01	GINES			
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	6,270,508	8/7/01	KLIEMAN ET AL.			
	6,273,887	8/14/01	YAMAUCHI ET AL.			
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	6,409,728	6/25/02	EHR ET AL.		
	6,419,675	7/16/02	GALLO, SR.		
	6,425,896	7/30/02	BALTSCHUN ET AL.		
	6,440,144	8/27/02	BACHER		
	6,443,970	9/3/02	SCHULZE ET AL.		
	6,451,018	9/17/02	LANDS ET AL.		
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